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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

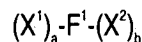
In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, Paper No. 20, please amend the application under 37 CFR 1.53 as follows:

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In the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. A composition of matter of the formula



and multimers thereof, wherein:

F^1 is an Fc domain;

X^1 and X^2 are each independently selected from $-(L^1)_c - P^1$, $-(L^1)_c - P^1 - (L^2)_d - P^2$, $-(L^1)_c - P^1 - (L^2)_d -$

$P^2 - (L^3)_e - P^3$, and $-(L^1)_c - P^1 - (L^2)_d - P^2 - (L^3)_e - P^3 - (L^4)_f - P^4$

P^1 , P^2 , P^3 , and P^4 are each independently randomized IL-1 antagonist peptide sequences;

L^1 , L^2 , L^3 , and L^4 are each independently linkers; and

a, b, c, d, e, and f are each independently 0 or 1, provided that at least one of a and b is 1

and wherein "peptide" refers to molecules of 2 to 40 amino acids.

Please add a new claim as follows.

The composition of matter of Claim 1, wherein c is 1.

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